(b) Does not arise.

(c) In pursuance of the directons of the Supreme Court in the Vineet Narain case, the Government have, *inter-alia*, constituted the CBI Selection Board for recommending selection, extension in tenure etc. of officers of and above the rank of Superintendent of Police in the CBI.

(d) At present there is no such officer in the CBI.

(e) Does not arise.

Functioning of Government Machinery

4205. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR READY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fifth Central Pay Commission had emphasized the need to make impovements in the functioning of Government machinery with regard to observance of holidays, regulation of leave and office hours and to tone up the work culture; and

(b) if so, the follow-up steps taken, so far, to implement the recommendation of the Commission in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) In the light of the 5th Pay Commission's recommendations relating to five days week working and festival holidays, the following decisions have been taken :--

(i) Government Departments whose functions are pre-dominantly marked by public dealings or of commercial nature have been advised to review the existing arrangements and switch over to six day week working wherever feasible.

(ii) No holiday whall be declared in the event of death of any person other than the incumbent President of India or the Prime Minister of India.

(iii) Casual leave entitlement of Central Government employees was reduced from 12 to 8 days in a year from 1-1-1998 with corresponding reduction where the number of days is different.